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Light rail commuters fend off germs

CARLA MANCEBO

STAFF WRITER

“Bless you,” someone called out to an elderly sick man as the light rail reached its stop at Paseo de San Antonio.

A dozen students disembarked, unaware they may have gotten off with a little more than their iPods and books.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, flu season peaks in February and may spread until May. Reported influenza cases have risen by 12 percent in California this month.

The CDC recommends

avoiding close contact with people who are sick, but some don't have the choice.

“I have had the flu twice this year, so riding the light rail is a nightmare,” said Jamie Freitas, a senior majoring in history and a light rail commuter. “It's my obsessive compulsive disorder. I try and ignore the coughing and hacking but I can't, so I cringe the whole way to campus.”

Bacterial and viral infections are most commonly caught through the air we breathe, said John Boothby, a professor of biological sciences at San Jose State University.

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TOP: A light rail train coming up to the Paseo de San Antonio stop. LEFT: VTA passenger's ride the Winchester line north passed the San Jose State University stop at Paseo de San Antonio on Sunday afternoon. RIGHT: Light rail hand-grips.



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Former coach terminated

MARK POWELL

STAFF WRITER

Former San Jose State University women's basketball coach Janice Richard, who has been on medical leave since August 2006 after being diagnosed with breast cancer, will not be given a contract extension by the school, Richard said Thursday.

Richard, 42, coached the Spartans for seven seasons, holding a 93-106 record, and said she wasn't sure exactly why her contract was not renewed.

“I don't know what the reason is,” Richard said. “Other than it's a new administration and I know they like to have their own people.”

Richard, who was awarded the 2001-2002 Western Athletic Conference “Coach of the Year,” said she received a notice of termination in the mail on Feb. 1.

Richard's current contract expires April 30 and interim coach Derrick Allen will head the team for the remainder of the season, according to a statement from the SJSU athletic department.

“I just know that, with it being a part of business, this is how business is handled,” Richard said.

Although Richard said she is aware that her situation is not uncommon in the coaching profession, she said did not believe the process would go the way it did.

“You know, it's disappointing,”

Richard said. “With the time I've spent here at the university and not to have a conversation with anyone — to receive the letter in the mail.”

Richard said that she had believed once her cancer treatments became less necessary she would be allowed to come back and coach the team.


“You know, I thought that was the way it was going to go,” Richard said. “That I'd be able to take the year off and take care of what I needed to take care of medically and then be ready to return to the team after it was over.”

“And it didn't happen, and I understand that because I've been in the business long enough.”

Athletic Director Tom Bowen could not immediately be reached by the Spartan Daily.

Richard, who plans to be out of coaching for at least another year, said that she would soon be contacting University President Don Kassing to thank him for his support.

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Janice Richard

Lewd acts in library not a distraction

JOSH WEAVER

STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 4th, university police arrested Frank A. Parker, a customer visiting the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, on an outstanding felony warrant and for being in possession of child pornography, according to the University Police Department Web site crime blotter.

This was not an isolated incident.

In November 2006, ABC Channel 7 News correspondent Dan Noyes conducted a report on Bay Area libraries, including a portion on the King Library.

The report indicated that there was a prob-

lem with male customers visiting the King Library and viewing pornography on the library's computers.

Library director Jane Light and University Library Dean Ruth Kifer said they believe that the report was biased and sensationalized.

“The library does not have a significant problem with pornography and inappropriate behavior,” Kifer said. “The vast majority of our library users utilize the computers to access digital information resources in a responsible manner.”

Jenelle Dini, a senior studying child development who said she uses the library on occasion, said that some of her friends have noticed men

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A student walks toward the security gates inside the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Week of workshops examine, 'shatter' body image issues

SAMIE HARTLEY

STAFF WRITER

“Shattering the Images of Perfection,” a series of workshops and seminars in recognition of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, is meant to educate San Jose State University students about redefining body image, said Jennifer Waldrop, campus dietitian.

“We know from doing surveys on campus that there is a trend that college students are becoming more dissatisfied with their body images,” Waldrop said. “Body image is something that can be modified, and this series will educate students about how to improve their body images.”

Waldrop said if people have poor body im-

ages, distorted views of their physical attributes, they might turn to destructive behavior such as crash dieting and adopt unhealthy eating habits. She said the media plays a large role in the trend of college students disliking their bodies.

She said to shed light on this trend, there will be an event each day through Thursday, beginning today with the “I Am Beautiful” seminar, to help students recognize the destructive messages the media is feeding them about what the perfect body looks like.

Robert Johnson, a sophomore majoring in communications, said he doesn't understand why people become obsessed with their own body images.

“I think people place too much emphasis on it,” Johnson said. “They over prioritize their

body image.”

Johnson said National Eating Disorder Week should be recognized on campus though, because people need to be educated about the risks of becoming influenced by unrealistic body images.

“I don't think people who have a disorder know they are sick,” Johnson said. “A series like this will bring the issues to life, and even if you don't have a disorder, you can learn to recognize the signs and help a friend who might be sick.”

Annalyn Cruz, activities coordinator for the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center and host of Tuesday's “Images Corrupted” workshop, said students need to be aware of how the media

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Proposed BART plan inches along

Transit to San Jose in 2015

NICK VERONIN

STAFF WRITER

Realization of the proposed plan to connect the Bay Area Rapid Transit system to Silicon Valley — a project that has been talked about for years — is close. But don't go lighting your cigars just yet.

According to Brandi Hall, a public outreach specialist for the Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority, no one will be speeding from San Jose to San Francisco in a gray and blue BART car until at least 2015.

Hall said that the VTA, who is in charge of the \$4.7 billion Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor project, has a plan currently in motion, but that the process takes a while as it involves a great deal of planning, public meetings and proposals to government.

“Basically,” she said, “there is a proposed project to extend the existing BART system from ... the planned Warm Springs station ...

into Milpitas, downtown San Jose and Santa Clara.”

Nick Tillman, a computer engineering major at SJSU, lives in Newark and commutes to campus four days a week on the 180 Express — a VTA commuter bus that runs between Fremont BART and the San Jose Diridon train and bus station located near the HP Pavilion. He said he would like to see BART extended to San Jose.

“For me, at least, it would save the commute,” Tillman said.

The commute Tillman refers to is 45-to-90 minutes, depending on road conditions, that he spends Monday through Thursday riding the 180 Express each way to and from campus. He said that a service such as BART would cut down on commute time by avoiding roads altogether.

Anthony Petty, a sophomore majoring in business administration, said that he expects to spend at least 90 minutes commuting to and from school regardless of traf-

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They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.
— Andy Warhol

WHAT'S THE DEAL:

Unofficial Mardi Gras celebration in downtown San Jose was a mess

Back in 2001, the city of San Jose officially celebrated Mardi Gras in downtown San Jose, which brought many from the Bay Area to Post Street and nearby clubs and bars.

Mardi Gras was something that started with celebrations of costumes, floats, food, drinking and shiny beads. The colorful display was first celebrated in France, and made its way to American soil in New Orleans as a time for fun with spectacular parades.

Now every year, visitors flock to downtown San Jose to unofficially celebrate what Catholics know as the pre-Lenten celebration before Ash Wednesday and the start of the fast of Lent, according to History.com.

According to the San Jose Mercury News, the celebration started nine years ago as a block party on Post Street. Then in 2001, it brought an estimated 11,000 visitors to downtown San Jose where several businesses were vandalized.

I vividly remember the 2001 celebration because I actually attended and had fun until fights broke out and people started vandalizing. This is when San Jose police came into the picture to handle problems. It

wasn't too bad from my point of view, but year after year things got worse.

The following year, dozens of people who weren't allowed into a party caused a ruckus and the vandalized a statue at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph on South Market Street, according to the Mercury News.

Since 2003, the organizer of the block party decided not to hold the event anymore but visitors still came to San Jose for Fat Tuesday every year, causing more problems.

Every year, the San Jose Police Department prepares for the occasion with more and more cops on patrol. There have been dozens of arrests but at the same time the amount of cops patrolling are using force to get rid of people roaming downtown San Jose.

This year, SJPD used previous tactics and new ones to restrain any problems that may happen, such as thinning out large crowds and enforcing curfews for youths. Parking garages were closed because the police

didn't want to spread out the crowds and in previous years, youths were throwing things from the garages.

On Tuesday, visitors came but police had already stated that there would be zero tolerance of lawless-

"It's one of those scenarios where people will point fingers at each other for blame."

ness for visitors coming into downtown San Jose. Just barely past 8 p.m., three men were arrested for allegedly smoking marijuana and carrying around a replica AK-47, according to the Mercury News.

Local businesses were vandalized as well, but so far no injuries have been reported.

I feel that many are out there to have fun but when people have alcohol in their systems they may not appreciate the cops use of force, forcing the visitors to use resistance as the cops use resistance to retrain them. Troublemakers aren't something the city won't

be able to get rid of, and I think in the past years, the city put them in this position by using excessive force on visitors.

It's too bad that during a festive time people are out looking to cause trouble. While at the same time the police patrolling seem to make things worse with their excessive force. It's one of those scenarios where people will point fingers at each other for blame.

My view of this is that there is no one to blame but the fact that every year this happens it's always the same scenario — large crowds, troublemakers and cops with excessive force.

Government officials probably won't be able to close down businesses, but different measures should be taken to handle this problem.

Something needs to change and the city of San Jose needs to figure out a way to handle a problem like this in a more civil way than letting the two sides — visitors and police — handle it themselves.

Michael Geslani is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "What's The Deal" appears every Monday.

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Today

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry will be holding a Daily Mass at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Center. For more information, contact Jose Rubio at (408) 938-1610.

Book Showcase

Andrew Ritchie, SJSU professor and author of "Major Taylor: The Extraordinary Career of a Champion Bicycle Racer" will be showcasing the book from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, room 255 and 257. Major Taylor broke into the booming world of professional bicycle racing in the 1890s. For more information, contact Jeff Paul at (408) 808-2636.

Production Procrastination

Counseling Services is holding Productive Procrastination from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Student Services Center, room 603. For more information, contact (408) 924-5910.

Weekly Meditation Workshop

Counseling Services is having its Weekly Meditation Workshop from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Administration building, room 201. For more information, contact Mark Forman at (408) 924-5910.

Students With Disabilities Weekly Discussion Group

Counseling Services is offering a discussion for students with disabilities. The discussion group will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Administration building, room 201. For more information, contact Kell Fujimoto at (408) 924-5910.

Thesis Workshop

Come to the Student Service Center for a Thesis Workshop from 4 to 6 p.m. in room 603. For more information, contact Alena Filip at Alena.Filip@sjsu.edu.

I Am Beautiful Seminar

Join Woody Winfree for the I Am Beautiful seminar from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, room 225. For more information, contact Jennifer Waldrop at jwaldrop@email.sjsu.edu.

SAM Club Presents Target

Where are you working after graduation? Target offers great opportunities. Bring your resumes to the event held in the Student Union, third floor at 5 p.m. For more information, e-mail sam.vicepresident@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

Images Interrupted

Come join Annalyn Cruz for the Images Interrupted workshop from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Pacifica room. For more information, contact Jennifer Waldrop at jwaldrop@email.sjsu.edu.

Grassroots, Nonviolent Resistance To Israeli Apartheid

Join the Students for Democracy for the Grassroots, Nonviolent Resistance To Israeli Apartheid event from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Student Union, Ohlone room. For more information, contact Sarah Morris at (408) 509-0488.

Job Fair Success Workshop

Gain job search strategies proven to help you success at job fairs. Attendees will receive an Early Bird Pass to the Spring 2007 job fairs. Arrive early for secure seating. The workshop will take place from 3:30 to 4:45 in the Career Center. For more information, contact Hilary Houston at Hilary.Houston@sjsu.edu.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry will be holding a "Hour of Power – Rosary Prayer Night," at 8 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Center. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at (408) 938-1610.

EDITORIAL:

The Bush administration should follow Great Britain's lead

One of the U.N's strongest members has announced plans to leave Iraq over the next year.

No, the United States isn't leaving.

We are still out there in the desert fighting an endless fight.

One of the United States' strongest allies in the second Gulf war against Iraq has had enough and is headed home.

According to an article by Associated Press writer David Stringer, Great Britain will withdraw about 1,600 troops from Iraq over the coming months and hopes to cut its 7,100-strong contingent by late summer.

This announcement was made by British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday and was imme-

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diately greeted with a response by the Bush administration.

The White House announced on Wednesday that the British troop removal is a sign of success of the condition in Southern Iraq, according to a White House spokesman.

We are not a fan of the Bush administration or the war in Iraq but the decision by nations across the world to remove troops should be praised, and at least glanced at but our nations leaders.

Everyone is leaving and we're piling in more troops.

Earlier this month President Bush announced that 21,000 more U.S. troops were headed to Iraq.

It's a mess in Iraq right now.

It's like a baseball bat hit the hornet's nest and it's going wild with near total chaos —except this nest is

Baghdad.

The president should at least acknowledge that leaving Iraq before, say, 2010, is an option.

If England leaving is a sign of success, then what is sending over 21,000 more troops?

According to a CNN.com article, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice played down the British pullback, saying it is consistent with the U.S. plan to turn over more control to Iraqi forces. "The British have done what is really the plan for the country as a whole," Rice said.

Prime Minister Blair's announcement also came on the same day Denmark said it would withdraw its 460 troops.

The other major coalition partners in Iraq include South Korea (2,300 troops), Poland (900), Australia and Georgia (both 800) and Romania (600), according to CNN.com.

Public pressure in England for the growing unpopularity of the war factored into the British leaving the table before dinner was finished.

According to the Stringer article, Blair said the decision to withdraw was made because the south had "no Sunni insurgency, no al-Qaida base, little Sunni on Shiite violence."

The Iraqi capital of Baghdad, however, was suffering from what he called an "orgy of terrorism unleashed upon it in order to crush any possibility of it functioning."

We support our troops and want everyone to return safely (see what we said Mr. President — return).

Return, as in the end may not be what you planned but at least show the American people and the soldiers that an end is in sight.

England, Denmark, even South Korea are talking about troop removal within 2007.

It's time to let the newly formed Iraqi government sink or swim.

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Richard- Said ‘goodbye’ at last home game

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port over the past few seasons. “That doesn’t surprise me,” SJSU student Ryan Davies said, about the termination of Richard. “After (original interim coach Greg) Lockridge got put on leave, there was a lot of stuff about the school saying that she needed to stay away — that it wasn’t her team.” The San Jose Mercury News reported on Dec. 7, 2006 that a

letter from Kellie Elliott, associate athletic director of internal affairs for SJSU, was sent to Richard on Sept. 27, 2006 ordering her to stay away from the basketball program. Elliot told the Mercury News that the school was “not out to get” Richard and that the letter was intended to avoid NCAA violations by keeping the women’s basketball coaching staff at the maximum of four members. Elliot also told the paper that Richard was “dealing with a lot.”

Senior guard Brittany Morris said that the women’s basketball team cannot comment on the coaching situation until a replacement coach is found. Assistant men’s basketball coach Allen was named interim head coach in December after Lockridge was placed on administrative leave following the team’s first nine games, the San Jose Mercury News reported. “I’m going to miss Coach (Richard),” junior guard Alisha Hicks

said. “She was ... exciting, she was encouraging — she’s like a mom.” Richard said that she still has a lengthy road ahead of her before she’s through actively fighting her illness. Richard said that she received a mastectomy — a procedure that removes the tumor and larger portion of surrounding tissue, according to webMD.com — on Friday, Feb. 16 and will start radiation treatments in about a week. Following radiation, Richard said she would then have reconstructive surgery to repair damage caused by the disease and by procedures. “I was hoping that she was coming back but she’s going through so much,” Hicks said. “Coaching is a lot of stress, so if I was in her situation I wouldn’t want to be under a

lot of stress.” Richard said that her San Jose home is currently up for sale and that she and her family are looking to move to Richard’s home state of Louisiana. “I’ve enjoyed my time here,” Richard said. “I’ve really had fun. I’ve worked with some great people and I’ve worked with some outstanding student athletes. I really hate to part ways, but that’s just how it goes.” Senior center Amber Hall said that much of SJSU’s success in prior seasons came as a result of Richard’s leadership. “It’s unfortunate that she had to get sick and she’s not coming back here,” Hall said. “She did a lot while she was here, so she has a lot to be proud of what she did with

this program. I think she took it to a whole other level.” Richard attended the last home game of the 2006-2007 season for SJSU women’s basketball on Thursday, a 68-60 win over conference leader Boise State University. The win lifted the Spartans to a 4-24 record on the year. “I wanted to come out and say goodbye to the seniors and I know this was their last home game this year,” Richard said. Richard said that visiting the SJSU Event Center for “the last time” was an emotional experience for her, and her 8-year-old son Lee. “I’ve been raising him in this gym,” Richard said. “So I kind of got emotional walking off and telling him, ‘You know this is our last game here, man.’”

Comm Lab moves in to new digs
New facility includes updated technology tools



PHOTO BY STEPHANIA BEDNAR/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Students and professors sample the food at the Communication Lab reception located in Clark Hall room 240.

Yael Reed Wachspress
STAFF WRITER

After 19 years crammed inside a small room in Hugh Gillis Hall, the Communication Lab just reopened in a spacious 2,400 square foot, brand-new location on the second floor of Clark Hall. Decked out with a multi-purpose reception area, two video recording conference rooms and two faculty offices, lab director Beth Von Till, with help from some communication students, hosted a grand opening to show off the lab’s upgrade. Adjacent to the main area is a conference room which is now equipped with a camera, Sony plasma screen TV and DVD player. Charles Lowery, a lab tutor and senior majoring in communications, said that faculty donated the equipment. “When I first saw it I was like, wow,” Lowery said. “This is a huge upgrade for the department itself.” Standing at the podium in the conference room, the camera and TV face the speaker, so that communication students can evaluate their own work. “As far as giving a presentation it helps so that

you can see yourself when you give speeches,” Lowery said. There were about 50 or more people circulating the new lab during the opening, including current lab students, associates and faculty from various departments. Israel Velazquez, a senior majoring in communications who is planning to graduate in the spring, mingled at the event with food in one hand and two communication t-shirts in another. Assistant professor in the communications department, Jay Baglia, was sporting a sweatshirt that read, “comm studies” across the front. “The purpose of the lab is it’s a place for students to do independent work with the aid of tutors and other students who have experience in taking classes,” Baglia said. “Communication lab students get practical credit to help other students with communication studies.” Claudine Camarena is a senior majoring in communications who is also fulfilling part of her senior applied activity requirement in being a lab tutor. “I enjoy it,” Camarena said. “It’s nice meeting students and helping

them with speeches and whatever needs they have.” There are 28 student lab tutors, a majority of whom are graduating seniors, majoring in communications. The lab is a place for students to get help from other students that have taken previous communications courses. Lab director Von Till, who has been with the communications department for about 20 years, commented on the lab’s potential in the new location. “I think that it is really wonderful to be in this location ... the possibilities are amazing,” Till said. Timothy Hegstrom, dean of the College of Social Sciences, added that he also has been working on the SJSU campus for about 20 years and when he first started working at SJSU he shared a desk with Von Till. “She had the top drawer and I had the bottom,” he joked. Von Till and Hegstrom both emphasized that the development of the new communications lab has been a 20 year project. The two created the original communications lab 20 years ago, which was located in a much smaller room in Hugh Gillis Hall.



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Boothby said sneezes and coughs produce particles that once evaporated will turn into a dried residue called, droplet nuclei. This residue, which can last in the air for hours, may then transfer infection through the respiratory tract. “When I’m on an airplane and I hear somebody sneezing in the back of the plane I know within hours I’m going to be breathing whatever that person had,” Boothby said. In the past year, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority has seen an increase in commuters, said VTA Communications Manager, Jayme Kunz. She said that on an average weekday roughly 33,000 people use the light rail. The influx in riders will force cramped conditions, which Dr.

Kamila Shekhar said is a perfect place to catch illnesses. “Avoiding infectious viruses is difficult,” said Shekhar, a physician at Kaiser Permanente. “Humans are breeding grounds for germs. Unfortunately, stopping the spread is not so easy — especially in poorly ventilated and crowded places.” Kunz said the VTA is concerned for the health of the riders and that the trains are cleaned once in the evening for garbage and visible dirt. “I don’t think they boil the train,” Kunz said. “But the trains are very clean in comparison to other public transportation in the country.” But Boothby said the transmission of infections through surfaces is possible but not as prevalent as transmission through aerosols. Living in a microbe-infested world can be unbearable for some people but they learn to adapt. “I’m a freak about germs, some people call me a germ-a-phobe,” said

German Toledo, a radio, television and film major. “If someone is coughing near me I ask them to cough into their sleeve or I, simply, move.”

How to fight germs

1 Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

2 Washing your hands often will protect you from germs.

3 Stay home when you are sick.

4 Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

5 Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

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Bart- Plan to connect South Bay contingent on Fremont site

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fic conditions.

Petty commutes from Oakland, taking BART to the Fremont station where he catches the 180 Express. He estimates that he might save a half-hour if BART went directly to San Jose.

“Of course,” he said of whether or not he would ride BART to school if it were available, noting that it would save time for anybody who takes public transit from the East Bay.

“It’s easy,” Petty said. “You know, if BART go all the way to (San Jose) it would be an easier commute for all of us.”

Hall, the VTA spokeswoman,

said that the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Corridor plan still must meet approval from the state and federal government before construction can begin.

Between 2007 and 2010 Hall said the design of the project — 35 percent complete as of December 2006 — should be finalized. She said construction could begin as early as 2009.

But even if the project could be completed over this coming weekend, BART trains still wouldn’t be able to reach San Jose until the final station in Fremont — the Warm Springs station — is complete.

David Martindale, a spokesman for BART, said that while the VTA is in charge of bringing BART through Santa Clara County, his organization is responsible for finishing out the Fremont line.

Martindale said BART has been environmentally cleared to lay

tracks to Warm Springs — a crucial step in the process of extending BART beyond the Fremont station — currently the southern-most station on the line.

It is the first step, according to Martindale, in the actualization of the project.

He said BART was working regularly with VTA as well as elected officials and staff from all the cities involved in the project to coordinate their efforts.

“Political support is key for any major project,” Martindale said. “And these two are both large in scale. And to raise this kind of money is a major effort and you

need political support at a variety of levels to do that — local, regional, state, federal.”

“Everyone along the line is engaged in this process,” he said.

Martindale said that the total cost of the Warm Springs extension is projected to be approximately \$670 million.

Alysa Perrotti, a junior majoring in sociology, said that if BART came downtown it wouldn’t affect her commute since she lives in Los Gatos. However, she said it is a good idea to bring the train to San Jose.

“It may not affect me as much, but I know it would help a lot of people in San Jose,” she said. “I know a lot of people travel from San Francisco to San Jose State on a daily basis for school.”

Meredith Panayotopoulos, a senior majoring in business, said she lives in San Jose and could see herself using BART every so often.

“I’ve used it before,” Panayotopoulos said of BART, “and actually driving all the way up to Fremont has been a hassle and it would be easier if was downtown.”

Hall said that currently the VTA is focusing on building a transit system that will “accommodate the most people in the Silicon Valley, that will enhance our community and improve mobility and really support the economy.”

“We have had two public meetings already,” she said. “We’re holding four public meetings in February to go to the public and present to them what some of the environmental impacts are.”

Daniel Krause is a teaching assistant in the department of urban planning at SJSU. He is currently teaching a course that is running workshops to help the residents living in the area of the proposed Alum Rock BART station plan development around that station.

He said the proposed station is to be built just north of the Five Wounds Church, which is located on East Santa Clara Street near U.S. Highway 101.

“It’s currently industrial land,” he said. “There used to be a steel factory there. Now it’s being used for light industrial uses.”

“The residents will have access to the whole bay area,” he said. “Around that station there are a lot of transit-dependent people.”

Krause said there might also be indirect benefits to bringing BART to the area.

“Rail projects such as this can help also stimulate revitalization in the neighborhoods,” Krause said.

He said that the residents he has been working with are enthusiastic about their plans for development around the proposed project but they have been frustrated that BART is taking so long.

“BART has been delayed for a few years, which has delayed their plans,” he said



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Jeremy Bridges, a junior majoring in health science, steps off the 180 Express at the corner of First and Santa Clara Streets. Bridges said he takes the bus from Fremont where he lives.

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Editorial corrections

— An article that appeared on Feb. 15 was incorrectly titled. The article’s headline read “Campus Rec to leave A.S.” However, Campus Recreation is not leaving Associated Students, but merely moving their center of operation to another building on campus.

— In an article that appeared on Feb. 20, entitled “Peers tutor at Writing Center,” Nancie Fimbel was incorrectly identified as a co-director, when in fact, she is a faculty-in-residence.

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Images- Seminars attempt to debunk media images

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shapes body image.

“I think there needs to be a greater awareness of these issues,” Cruz said. “Billions of dollars are being spent to create these unrealistic images. We need to be conscious of these images and question them.”

Cruz, whose workshop will focus on body images as presented in women’s magazines, said she remembers how the unattainable standard of beauty affected her

when she was young.

“I would read articles about how to make my nose appear smaller, but as a Filipino-American woman, I can’t do that,” Cruz said. “I would read articles about how to fix my eyes and make them appear bigger. These messages told me I had to fix myself. That was 10 or 15 years ago, but I still remember it.”

Cruz said young women think they have to dress and act a certain way based on what they see on TV or read in magazines, but the unrealistic view of the perfect body is

damaging.

Wendy Lee, a graduate student studying marketing, said she is influenced by the images presented by the media.

“I want to be one of those perfect bodies, but I can’t,” Lee said. “It’s just too hard.”

Lee said the images on TV tell people that skinny is what is popular, so she wants to be skinny too even if she doesn’t agree with what the media is doing.

“I think what the media does is sick,” Lee said. “They tell you need to be skinny. That’s the im-

age you grow up with, so you believe it, and it is hard to change that belief.”

Dana Hughes, prevention education program coordinator and co-host of Thursday’s “How the Media Sells Gender Roles,” said it is important to be critical of the images presented in the media about the perfect body image.

“It is important to be aware of how the media bombards us with images and influences our idea of how we should look,” Hughes said.

Melinda Chu-Yang, peer health

education coordinator, said students will have the opportunity express their thoughts about body image through art, music, dance and spoken word during “True Beauty” on Wednesday.

“This event will educate students

on how many students are affected by eating disorders and negative body images,” Chu-Yang said. “Students should come to gain a better understanding of body image and the negative messages that we receive daily.”

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“I Am Beautiful”	“Images Corrupted”	“True Beauty”	“How the Media Sells Gender Roles”
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MLK Library Room 225	Student Union Pacifica Room	Student Union University Room	Student Union Pacifica Room

Library- Cited lewd-act offenders unable to return for two weeks

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looking at photos of women on the Internet.

“My friend said she was working on a computer station one day and right next to her a man was looking at suggestive pictures of women and she said she felt pretty disturbed,” Dini said.

“Viewing pornography is not illegal,” Light said. “People have to realize that this is a public place. If you see something obnoxious, our staff is trained to call security immediately if there is a problem.”

On Feb. 1, a male subject was arrested for performing a lewd act in public.

“He got a little excited while he was viewing pornography,” said University Police Sgt. John Laws.

“It is sad to say that a small amount of men misbehave, but they are always arrested,” Light said.

Subjects who are cited and removed from the premises are given a two-week suspension from the library, Laws said.

“They are given a code ‘626’ and their picture is shown to all security personal and if they return they are removed again,” he said.

The library has more than 200 computers for visitor use, which host around 700,000 computer sessions or sign-ons a year, Light said. She said that the amount of problems they have with men behaving inappropriately is not proportionate to the amount of visitors that use the library’s computers.

“I don’t think we have a big crime problem at all, I just don’t see it,” Kifer said. “I don’t hear any complaints from students. The biggest suggestion we receive is for extended hours.”

Light said the library has around 2.5 million visi-

tors a year and on a peak day nearly 12,000 customers enter the library — a number that actually exceeds the expectations of both Light and Kifer.

“The situation here is really, really unique,” Kifer said, “something that I couldn’t get anywhere else. It is why I came to San Jose from Washington D.C.”

Kifer explained that what makes the library unique is that it allows the general public and SJSU students to share something, and a learning community develops where people are side by side working with each other.

“The partnership is greater than the sum of its parts,” Kifer added.

Tiffany Cordero, a freshman majoring in civil engineering, said that last semester she used the library once or twice a week.

“Whenever I went to the library I got my work done,” Cordero said. “It is easier for me to focus. If I am in my dorm I can’t get any work done.”

Cordero said she has not encountered anything that would discourage her from studying at the library.

“We learned that when students have the choice of where to study they choose the library instead of a place like the Student Union,” Light said.

Kifer said that although library resources such as books and academic journals are available online, students still choose to come to the library.

“We are astounded by the volume of student use, which is bucking the national trend,” Kifer said.

The two women attribute some of the success of the library to the overall design pointing out that it has more windows providing a brighter atmosphere, as opposed to the dark, stuffy atmosphere of the old Clark Library.

King Library includes a basement level and eight

floors. Light said that the library is set up so that the most used collection of books, computer stations and seats are on the first four floors. The top four floors are designated for the less used collections, and for quiet research and study.

Daniel England, a senior at Westmont High School who was using King Library to research a history paper, said that he was amazed at the size of the library, but found the eight floors hard to navigate.

“The level set up is confusing and there are not enough available maps or help aids,” England said.

John Lee, a senior majoring in biology, said that he uses the library three times a week. Most of the time he said he goes up to the sixth floor because it is quiet and he knows the fourth floor is used for a group study area.

“I’m fine with it,” Lee said. “I expect it to be loud.”

Lee also said that he has no major issues with the library other than people bringing food up to the study floors and making too much noise.

Cordero and Lee are among many students who said they had few complaints about the library and feel it provides a great place to study while remaining comfortable and unthreatened by the occasional disruptions that filter in to the library.

Among those 8,000 to 12,000 customers per day there are a few homeless who make their way to the library.

“We have much less of an issue with them as there is in San Francisco and other big cities,” Light said. “The rules apply to every one, and the (homeless) I observe follow the directions.”

“The university mission compliments the public library mission of supporting learning throughout

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WEEKEND AWAY SCORES:

Baseball – Loyola Marymount University topped SJSU 4-3 on Friday and again in 12 innings on Saturday 5-6. The Spartans answered back on Sunday 15-7 in the last match-up of the three-game series.

Water Polo – At Saturday’s UC Irvine Tournament, the Spartans beat Arizona State University 9-6 but fell short against No. 2 Stanford, 11-6.

Senior Night win; ‘Any team is beatable on any given night’

SJSU women’s basketball team upsets No. 1 in the WAC Boise State, 68-60

DAVID ZUGNONI
STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State University women’s basketball team defeated Western Athletic Conference leader Boise State University 68-60 in a back-and-forth battle Thursday at the Event Center.

The upset victory came on Senior Night, marking the last game at the Event Center this season. Senior center Amber Hall and senior guard Brittany Morris were recognized before the game as part of Senior Night.

“It couldn’t have been a better way to go out,” said Hall, who recorded four points, seven rebounds and four blocks in the final home game of her collegiate career.

“Amber Hall had a darn-near perfect game,” said interim head coach Derrick Allen about Hall’s performance. “Seven rebounds, four blocks, four points — that’s not bad for your Senior Night.”

Hall helped jump-start the Spartans, scoring the game’s first bucket and adding a block in an 11-0 scoring run that began the contest.

The Broncos came right back, however, scoring 11 unanswered points of their own.

After a chippy first half, the

score was locked, 31-31.

In a seesaw second half, the Spartans took the lead with 7:08 left on a jump shot by Lynette Jacobs, and did not fall behind for the remainder of the game, outscoring the Broncos 19-7 in the final 10 minutes.

“Before the game, our coach was just telling us that any team is beatable on any given night, and if we play together we can come out with a win,” said guard Myosha Barnes, who put up 14 points — 10 of them coming in the second half.

Barnes sank four straight free throws in the closing moments of the game to help SJSU seal the victory. She added six rebounds, three assists and two steals.

“Tonight, (Barnes) came out, stepped up and attacked the basket, got to the free-throw line and did all the little things we needed her to do to win,” Allen said. “She attacked the basket and got all her teammates involved as well.”

Guard Alisha Hicks led SJSU in scoring with 17 points and recorded nine boards, four steals, four assists and a block.

“We beat the No. 1 team, so we’re excited about that,” Hicks said. “We are like big underdogs, but we have confidence in ourselves.”

Forward Jaime Hall and guard Lynette Jacobs both scored eight points, while forward Brittany Powell and guard Natalie White each added seven points. Center Kalia Williams tied Hicks with a team-high nine rebounds.

Hicks said SJSU focused on defending sharpshooting Boise State guard Nadia Begay. SJSU limited Begay to 12 points Thursday after she scored 25 points against SJSU on Feb. 10 at Boise State.

Forward Rebecca Kepilino led the Broncos with 20 points, with only three coming in the second half.

Boise State leads the WAC with a 25-9 overall record and a 10-3 conference record. Its loss to SJSU is the second in a three-game losing streak, having lost Saturday to University of Nevada, Reno.

SJSU lost on the road to University of Hawai’i 64-53 Saturday.

Natalie White led SJSU with 15 points — 13 coming in the second half, while Myosha Barnes and Brittany Powell each added 12 points in the loss.

The Spartans are 4-25 overall and 4-11 in the WAC, with the last game of the regular season coming on Saturday, March 3 at Idaho.

The WAC Tournament will begin March 6 at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M.



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Amber Hall, a senior majoring in child development, falls to the ground while trying to gain control of the ball as teammate Myosha Barnes tries to assist her in Thursday’s game against Boise State University.

New courts, nice weather help women’s tennis team in win, 6-1

CARLOS MILITANTE
STAFF WRITER

Head coach Anh-Dao Nguyen and assistant coach Byron Nepomuceno watched from the sidelines as the San Jose State University women’s tennis team took care of business against the Broncos of Cal Poly Pomona — repeating last weeks’ winning score of 6-1.

“It’s great to get another win, maybe it’s our new home courts,” Nepomuceno said. “They’re really hitting the ball better from the first match of the season and results are really showing in these matches.”

The Spartans won five of the six matches in singles play.

SJSU’s junior co-captain Ashley Tavita and sophomore Silvana Dukic both won their matches 6-1, 6-0. Senior co-captain Courtney Koenigsfeld and junior Dana Popescu won their matches 6-2, 6-1, and sophomore Sanda Hadzisabic won 6-2, 6-3.

“Everybody fought really hard against a good team,” Koenigsfeld said. “The team chemistry is really good, we’re bonding, and it’s really showing in our game because we’re having a lot of fun.”

The lone loss came from sophomore co-captain Amber Silverstone’s hard fought match. Silverstone had seven match point opportunities but lost in a super tiebreaker 1-6, 7-5 — four tie-breaker opportunities.

“That was a tough match for

her to go through,” Nepomuceno said. “It was good for her to experience it now and she’ll learn to stay aggressive because when you start thinking ‘not to lose’ you stop playing your game.”

The Spartans swept the Broncos in doubles matches, led by their top doubles combo Tavita and Silverstone, who won their match 8-2.

First year partners Koenigsfeld and junior Rokie Larijani won their double match 8-6.

“We played well — worked together well and we were able to finish it,” Larijani said. “They had a pretty good strategy on us. The tried bringing us up to the net and lobbing it over us, but we were able to figure out a way around it and win.”

SJSU’s Dukic and Popescu also won their doubles match with a score of 8-4.

The win improves the Spartans record to 2-3. The team’s Feb. 22 scheduled road match against Sonoma State University was postponed due to rain and has been rescheduled for Apr. 18 at 2 p.m. at Sonoma.

“It’s great the weather turned out good,” Nepomuceno said. “The weather has really limited how much we play. There’s no substitution for matches, the only way to get better is to play.”

The Spartans next match will be against the University of Hawai’i on Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Spartan Courts.



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